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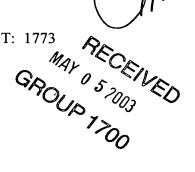
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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated February 3, 2003, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification to read as follows:1

Page 3, lines 2-6, amend the paragraph to read as follows:

The resistance values obtained at present are approximately 8 to 15% at ambient temperature, the absolute sheet resistance change between the parallel and antiparallel configurations being approximately 2 to 2.50Ω /square. These structures are suitable for an information storage density of 50 Gbits/inch², i.e. approximately 8 Gbit/cm².

Page 4, lines 23-26, please amend the paragraph to read as follows:

A marked-up copy of the changes made in this amendment is attached.